



Informational Notes for First Responders and Officials

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SEMA's Homepage: sema.dps.mo.gov

FY '06 SEMA Training Schedule Posted to Homepage

The new training schedule is on SEMA's homepage. The link is: <http://training.dps.mo.gov/>. Once you go to this website you can click on the link to view the classes and enroll on line. Remember to check the class schedule often, as classes are frequently added. All SEMA classes are free.

September is National Preparedness Month in Missouri

On September 21, Missouri Governor Matt Blunt will speak at a National Preparedness Month Rally on the Capitol's south lawn, which will feature numerous emergency response exhibits. Department of Public Safety Director Mark James will participate in a press conference hosted by the MARC in Kansas City on September 2. Jamie Dake will email draft program press releases to CERT, Citizen Council and Medical Reserve Corps managers to highlight training and volunteering opportunities to the local media.

St. Louis Partners Set CERT Olympics for Sept. 11

The St. Louis area CERT Partners will sponsor the 2005 CERT Olympics on September 11 in Whitecliff Park, Crestwood, as part of National Preparedness Month. The event begins at 1 p.m. with Welcoming ceremonies and guest speakers. The games will be played from 2-4:45 p.m.

Some of the public/private participating CERT teams include: Crestwood Fire, Crestwood Police, Metro West Fire Protection District (FPD), Eureka FPD, Fenton FPD, St. Louis County Police Department Office of Emergency Management, St. Clair FPD, Pattonville FPD, Cape Girardeau Citizen Council, Creve Coeur FPD, Town and Country FPD, West County EMS and FPD, Monarch FPD, and Valley Park FPD. Some of the business teams are GKN Aerospace, SBC, and the American Red Cross St. Louis Area Chapter

Area Coordinator Meetings...

Area A:	September 22, 2005	10 a.m.	911 Center, Carrollton
Area B:	September 13, 2005	6:30 p.m.	Jim Sears Technical Center, Edina
Area F:	September 28, 2005	10:30 a.m.	Armory Sports Complex, Columbia
Area G:	September 7, 2005	11:30 a.m.	Hillbilly Junction, Willow Springs
Area H:	September 1, 2005	1:30 p.m.	Red Cross Building, St. Joseph

3.3 Magnitude EQ Hits Moniteau County, July 31

At 7:31 a.m., St. Louis University reported a light 3.3 magnitude earthquake occurred in Moniteau County. The event was about 27 miles southwest of Columbia. Missouri residents as far away as Kansas City, St. Joseph, Columbia, and Boonville reported feeling the tremor. However most contacts to the "Did You Feel It?" homepage came from Moniteau County residents living in California, Clarksburg, Tipton, Bunceton, Pilot Grove, Smithton, and Syracuse. No damages or injuries were reported.

Missourians can see the areas that felt the earthquakes by going to the USGS's Web site, "Did You Feel It?" at <http://pasadena.wr.usgs.gov/shake/>.

Enroll in One of These Free SEMA Classes

8/23-25, 2005	Exercise Design & Evaluation	Chillicothe
8/29-30, 2005	Emergency Mgt for Local Officials	Kansas City
8/29-30, 2005	Medical Considerations	Kansas City
9/6-8, 2005	Effective Communications	Jefferson City
9/7-9, 2005	Debris Management	Joplin
9/7-9, 2005	CERT T-t-T	Jefferson City
9/13-15, 2005	Emergency Plans for Special Needs	Kansas City

Northeast Missouri Medical Reserve Corps Fall Training Schedule!

By Carmen Stanton, Northeast Missouri Medical Reserve Corps, Kirksville

The Northeast Missouri Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) scheduled the following one-day free courses for current and new team members. Membership applications are available at www.nemomrc.org or by calling (660) 626-2192. Advanced Registration is required. There is a \$25 class fee for non-members. Continuing Education Credits are available for most courses.

CPR - 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., **August 31**, at the Adair Co. Ambulance District. This class is for anyone wanting certification or needing to be re-certified. The class is limited to six students.

- **Outdoor Search and Rescue** - 6-10 p.m., **September 13**, location TBA. Missouri University Fire and Rescue Training Institute (MU-FRTI) will accredit this course.

- **Triage** - 6-9 p.m., **September 20**, at the Adair Co. Ambulance District. Medical experience is helpful but not necessary.

- **Hazardous Materials-Awareness** - 6-9 p.m., **September 29**, at the Adair Co. Ambulance District. This course will include distribution of an official Emergency Response Handbook and exercises to use this resource.

MO-1 DMAT Activations for Hurricane Dennis, Emily Responses

By George "Mark" Thorp, RN, EMT-P, Unit Commander, MO-1 DMAT

Missouri's Disaster Medical Assistance Team (MO-1 DMAT) was activated and deployed for both Hurricanes Dennis and Emily. The MO-1 DMAT was activated and deployed to Meridian Naval Air Station, Mississippi for Hurricane Dennis. Sixteen members of the MO-1 DMAT, and equipment (three 24 foot box trucks) were deployed on July 8. The team was staged at Meridian NAS with other FEMA assets for possible use following the hurricane's landfall. Fortunately for the Alabama/Florida area the storm was much less severe than first predicted. The Members of the MO-1 DMAT returned home on July 14th. Two days later, the team was redeployed on July 16th for Hurricane Emily. Initially, the team deployed six members of MO-1 DMAT to the Dallas/Fort Worth staging area. The full 35-member Medical Team remained on six-hour deployment standby status in St. Louis. The deployed team members returned home on July 20th.

AmeriCorps Takes on Key Roles in Hurricane Dennis Response

By Hayley Watkins, AmeriCorps, St. Louis

Seventeen members of the AmeriCorps St. Louis Emergency Response Team (ERT) were deployed to the Florida Panhandle for Hurricane Dennis recovery efforts. The St. Louis team is operating a volunteer coordination center in Santa Rosa County matching unaffiliated volunteers with local volunteer groups. Volunteers are focused on damage assessments, roof tarping, and debris removal. The team also set up a database system to track each work order through completion. Two AmeriCorps volunteers were assigned to work Disaster Recover Centers (DRC). Citizens go to a DRC to register for federal disaster assistance and meet with state agency representatives for other assistance.

FEMA Region VII (Kansas City) Moves to New Offices

Effective August 27, 2005, the FEMA Region VII office will be located at: 9221 Ward Parkway, Suite 300, Kansas City, MO 64114-3372. The telephone numbers will not change.

DHS Lowers National Threat Level for Mass Transit Sector

On August 12, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) lowered the national threat level for the mass transit sector from Orange (high) to Yellow (elevated). Initially, the threat level was raised because of the London bombings. Many larger metropolitan transit systems will maintain a strengthened baseline level of preparedness beyond what existed before the London attacks. At this time, there is no specific, credible intelligence information indicating that an attack in the United States is imminent. However, the general public should remain alert for items left unattended or suspicious behavior and report any incidents to local authorities immediately.

Region D Offers Risk Communications Training for Elected Officials

Region D in Southwest Missouri is offering four regional Crisis Communications Classes for local elected officials responding to the media. Jaci McReynolds, Public Health Information Specialist is the instructor. The free classes are set for September 13 at the Emergency Operations Center, Joplin; September 19 at the Green County Library Center South, Springfield; September 23 at the Western Taney County Main Fire Station, Branson; and September 26 at the Fox Playhouse, Nevada. Contact Carole Kidwell to register for the classes by email ckidwell@greencountymo.org.

NIMS Compliance and Day-to-Day Operations

Submitted by Rick Jordan

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The NIMS Integration Center says all *Response Organizations must use NIMS everyday or they are not NIMS compliant*. The idea is to achieve interoperability among jurisdictions and disciplines. Those who do not train for, exercise and use NIMS and ICS in their day-to-day operations will not be able to integrate their activities into a system they do not know, haven't practiced and don't use.

As of Oct. 1, 2005, all federal preparedness funds recipients must adopt and use NIMS as a condition to receive FY'06 preparedness assistance funding. For more information about NIMS see our Web page at www.fema.gov/nims. Questions? Ask the NIMS Integration Center at NIMS-Integration-Center@dhs.gov or 202-646-3850.

Climate & Weather Sub-Committee Report on Drought Conditions

By Steve A. McIntosh, Department of Natural Resources

On August 17, 2005 the Climate and Weather Sub-Committee of the Drought Assessment Committee discussed the current rainfall on drought status. Extensive drought conditions continue to prevail over much of Missouri. Despite extensive rainfall, looming summer moisture deficits, corn, hay, and possible soybean yield reductions and poor pasture and farm pond conditions, impact most of the State.

Farm Services Agency of USDA reports that 112 county disaster declaration requests of Missouri's 114 counties were sent to Washington D.C. These 112 counties will need to be approved by Washington prior to receiving disaster declaration status. Missouri counties not included in the State's request include Atchison and Holt. Twenty-two counties have been approved for Emergency Conservation Program funds for emergency livestock water supplies cost share. Federal funds of \$1,025,000 have been approved for the 22 counties. Thirty-seven total counties have been sent by the State FSA Office to Washington approvals for a total request of \$2,682,500 for emergency livestock water supplies in Missouri.

USDA can take no action on livestock assistance programs or crop disaster payments until congress provides the specific authority and funding which is unlikely until after January 1st. There is an opportunity window now for our congressional leadership to provide drought relief to Missouri producers through the historic livestock assistance and crop disaster programs.

SEMA Seeks Applications for Competitive Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grants

FEMA recently announced \$150 million nation-wide Pre-Disaster Mitigation - Competitive (PDM-C) grant program. Local county and city governments, Regional Planning Commissions, school districts and public colleges and universities are eligible to apply to the State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) for funding up to \$3 million per project and/or plan. SEMA is the APPLICANT for the state of Missouri. **Any community wishing to participate must send SEMA a Notice of Interest before August 31.**

Once the NOI review is complete, SEMA will notify eligible parties and provide them the grant Sub-application schedule of training and submissions. (September 20-23, 2005). Following the submission of completed applications to SEMA by No Later Than December 1, 2005, Sub-applicant representatives must be made available to coordinate frequently with SEMA about the Sub-applications to ensure timely submissions to FEMA.

PDM-C is more restrictive than HMGP in a several respects. First, the most cost-effective projects nationwide will be approved for funding. Second, communities must be in good standing in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) or those that have not yet been mapped are eligible applicants. Third, this program requires a 25% non-federal match. Local applicants will be expected to meet the non-federal local match requirement, since funds are not available at the state level at this time. Fourth, local applicants must have a FEMA approved hazard mitigation plan.

For details, visit SEMA's website: <http://sema.dps.mo.gov/Mitigation.htm>.

58 Missouri Fire Departments Receive Round 1 Firefighter Grants

Fifty-eight Missouri Fire Departments received Firefighter Assistance Grants from the Department of Homeland Security. The three grant categories are: Operations & Safety (for equipment, personal protective gear and training), Vehicle Acquisition, and Prevention & Safety program. The amounts shown are the 75% federal share to the departments. The Prevention & Safety electronic grants applications will be accepted September 6 - October 7, 2005. The website for Frequently Asked Questions is www.firegrantsupport.com. The online application for the Prevention & Safety Grants is <http://portal.fema.gov>.

Fire Department receiving Operations & Safety grants are: Crocker FPD (\$34,030), Charleston FD (\$122,550), Farmington FD (\$66,500), North Central Carroll FDP in Bogard (\$66,491), Pittsburg FD (\$87,106), New Melle FPD (\$39,161), Claycomo FD (\$78,349), Cameron FD (\$84,341), Richmond FD (\$17,693), Dunnegan RFD (\$85,615), Palmyra F&R (\$34,200), Poynor VFD in Doniphan (\$35,388), Portage Des Sioux VFD (\$51,201), Hopkins FPD (\$50,255), Olivette FD (\$38,000), Lewis County Ambulance District in Lewistown (\$12,297), North Callaway FPD in Kingdom City (\$79,802), Warrensburg FD (\$102,676), Boles FPD in Labadie (\$50,445), Clarksville VFD (\$17,385), Branson FD (\$171,000), California RFPD (\$67,887), Randolph County Ambulance District in Moberly (\$62,100), Southeastern Randolph Fire Assn in Clark (\$40,202), Stoutland FD (\$26,078), Duenweg VFD (\$43,175), O'Fallon FPD (\$267,904), Butterfield VFD (\$267,904), Bolivar FD (\$112,736), Marshfield FD (\$110,925), St. Louis City FD (\$321,520), Linn County Ambulance District in Brookfield (\$5,938), Stella VFD in Rocky Comfort (\$90,108), and Dent county FPD in Salem (\$151,990).

Fire Departments receiving Vehicle Acquisition grants are: Holcomb FD (\$116,375), Ash Grove F&R (\$180,500), New London FD (\$237,500), Oronogo FPD (\$207,925), Cuba FD (\$128,440), Tryone RVFD in Elk Creek (\$67,735), Puxico VFD (\$171,000), Concordia FPD (\$186,200), Thayer RFD (\$175,750), Meta FPD (\$47,500), Breckenridge VFP (\$161,500), Houston RFD (\$204,250), East Prairie FD (\$171,000), Caney Mtn VFD in Gainesville (\$138,700), Bethany FD (\$44,175), Sleeper VFD in Lebanon (\$204,250), Urbana RFD (\$76,000), Peace Valley-White Church VFD (\$66,500), Stotts City FPD (\$95,000), Marceline RFPD (\$74,813), Fishing River FPD in Mosby (\$123,500), Sheridan FPD (\$66,785), Lanagan VFD (\$177,650), and Pontiac Price Place VFD (\$123,500).

READERS: Are there items you would like to see addressed or information you would like to share in future Bulletins? Please submit ideas/information to susie.stonner@sema.dps.mo.gov